

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Francis X. McKeen

Application No.: 10/644,399

Filed: August 19, 2003

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS TO  
PROVIDE PROTECTION FROM A  
BUFFER OVERFLOW ATTACK**

Examiner: Tonia L. Meonske Dollinger

Art Group: 2181

Confirmation No.: 7924

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF  
NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 22, 2008 regarding Applicant's response (filed October 6, 2008) to the Office Action mailed July 9, 2008, regarding the above-referenced application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments set forth below in consideration of the remarks that follow.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 3.

**Remarks** begin on page 8.